Tourism in Shillong

791. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION ND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the steps taken or being taken by Government to attract more tourists to Shillong, Kaziranga, the Rhino resort and Manas, the wild life-sanctuary;

(b) whether any special efforts have been made so far in this direction; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : (a) to (c) Promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. The Central Department of Tourism provides some Central assistance for development of tourism infrastructure as well some publicity support to the State Governments. The Central Department of Tourism have publicised Shilling, Kaziranga and Manas through two publicity brochures on North East and Wild Life respectively.

Besides this the Central Department of Tourism have sanctioned Rs. 61.28 lakhs for construction of Tourist Lodge at Kaziranga, Forest Lodge at Manas and purchase of vehicles and elephants for transportation at Kaziranga and Manas.

Breath analyser test for pilots

792. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it 's a fact that breath analyser test is mandatory for all the pilots;

(b) if so, when this test was introduced in Indian Airlines.

(c) what is the number of pilots grounded for consuming alcoholic drinks during the last three years; and

(d) what action Government have taken against the erring pilots ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The breath analyser test was introduced in Indian Airlines in 1973.

(c) Two pilots were grounded for consuming alcoholic drinks during the last three years.

(d) In the first case, the pilot was given the punishment of reduction of basic pay to the minimum of the scale. The second incident took place on 19-4-93 and the concerned pilot has been issued a charge sheet.

Induction of A-320 Air-Buses and Boeings in AIR India Fleet

793. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJI RAO SHINDE :

SHRI MURLADHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

SHRIMATI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air India propose to induct more A-320 air-buses and Boeings in their fleet; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating their induction schedule and cost?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Air India has no plans at present to induct Airbus 320 air-